

# **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

**Of the**

**LIME ROCK FIRE DISTRICT, INC., 1085 Great Road, Lincoln RI 02865**

**HELD MARCH 08, 2016**

**Present: Mr. Ronald Rivet, Mr. Mark Krieger, Mr. James A. Fredrikson, Mr. John Houghton, Mr. Joseph Nadro, Chief Frank Sylvester, Ms. Cheryl Cronan, Ms. Lesley Heaton.**

**Mr. Ronald Rivet called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m., Tuesday March 08, 2016.**

## **MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 09, 2016 MEETING:**

**Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion to accept the Minutes of the February 09, 2016 meeting. Mr. Joseph Nadro seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.**

## **PUBLIC INPUT:**

**No Public Input**

## **CHIEF'S REPORT:**

**Mr. James A. Fredrikson made a motion to accept the Chief's Report as presented. Mr. Joseph Nadro seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.**

**Mr. James A. Fredrikson inquired about the missing reports this month. Chief Sylvester: They were received after the packets went out. Copies were made for all Board members.**

**Mr. John Houghton asked Deputy Tucker about the triple pack hose line. Deputy Tucker stated that you can find a video on YouTube that will give you an idea of the product.**

**Mr. Mark Krieger inquired about the number of people signed up for the promotional exam. Chief Sylvester: We have a total of thirteen. The test will be for Captain and Lieutenant. Twin River has been gracious enough to provide us with a training room to hold the test. Deputy Tucker, Captain Thibeault and Cheryl Cronan will be administering the test.**

**Mr. Ronald Rivet inquired about fire alarm reports. Chief Sylvester**

**and Deputy Tucker gave an update of the process.**

**Chief Sylvester stated that he would like to discuss a few things not in his report. We recently had a very disgruntled taxpayer. This individual came into the station during our internal audit and was rude and verbally abusive. He proceeded to call me a dozen or so times keeping me on the phone at great length. He stated that if the tax collector was a man there would have been a physical altercation. I am told he has also been in contact with Town Hall.**

**I was recently notified that the Lime Rock credit card has been hacked. The Treasurer has been in contact with the bank and all has been corrected.**

**Deputy Tucker has put the Mack up for sale with an online service. Unfortunately, we did have to purchase batteries to start the truck.**

**Mr. Ronald Rivet inquired about the statewide EMS reporting on line. Deputy Tucker gave an update.**

**With no further discussion, the Chief's Report was accepted with all Commissioners in agreement.**

## **TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:**

**Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report as presented. Mr. John Houghton seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.**

**Mr. Joseph Nadro inquired the percentage of taxes collected. Ms. Heaton replied at this point in time we are at 90.56% for real property and 87.37 % for vehicles. At this time there are 49 properties going up for tax sale.**

**Mr. James A. Fredrikson asked for an explanation of how to read the tax reports. Ms. Heaton explained how to interpret the reports.**

**Mr. Ronal Rivet inquired about the criteria for a property to be placed up for tax sale. Ms. Heaton explained about accounts that are delinquent and the procedure that is followed for conducting a tax sale.**

**Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion to approve the abatement in the amount of \$ 693.42**

**Mr. John Houghton seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.**

**With no further discussion, the Tax Collectors Report was accepted with all Commissioners in agreement.**

#### **TREASURER IS REPORT:**

**Mr. James A. Fredrikson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Mr. Joseph Nadro seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.**

**Mr. John Houghton inquired about the website. Ms. Cronan stated that the person we were going to use no longer does this type of work. Mr. Mark Krieger stated that he might have a person who would be interested and will get back to us.**

**Ms. Cronan stated that she had contacted VFIS regarding cost of the renewal premium. However, the numbers were not available at this time.**

**BILLS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:**

<b>Payroll Expenses:</b>	<b>dated 02/01/16–02/29/16 in</b>
<b>the amount of \$ 120,685.89</b>	
<b>Interim Expenses:</b>	<b>dated 02/01/16–02/29/16 in</b>
<b>the amount of \$ 41,569.25</b>	
<b>Non-Budgetary Interim Expenses:</b>	<b>dated 02/01/16–02/29/16 in</b>
<b>the amount of \$ 629.00</b>	
<b>Bills for Initial Approval:</b>	<b>dated 02/01/16–02/29/16 in the</b>
<b>amount of \$ -0-</b>	

<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 162,884.14</b>
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**Mr. James A. Fredrikson inquired about the BJ’s purchase. Ms. Cronan provided Mr. Fredrikson with a copy of the receipt.**

**Mr. Mark Krieger, made a motion to approve the Bills Submitted for Approval in the amount of \$ 162,884.14. Mr. James A. Fredrikson seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.**

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Chief Sylvester wanted to make a comment about the Treasurer and Tax Collector. He said the two women do an excellent job keeping the administrative portion of the station running smoothly. In case the Board is not aware, the Lime Rock Fire Department is one of the most highly respected Fire Departments in the State of Rhode Island operating on the budget we have.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Mr. Mark Krieger, made a motion to accept the audit committee report. Mr. John Houghton seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.**

**Mr. Mark Krieger stated that he would like to thank Mr. Alvin Tucker and Mr. James Bethel for their fine work on the Lime Rock Fire District internal audit.**

**Mr. John Houghton inquired about the difference between the internal audit and the one conducted by the CPA. Mr. Ronald Rivet explained the differences.**

**Chief Sylvester asked for direction regarding the disgruntled taxpayer. Mr. Mark Krieger stated that this issue is not on the agenda for discussion. If this individual would like to appeal the charges on his account, he would need to follow proper procedures to apply for an appeal.**

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

**A card was read from a resident thanking the Department for the professional and compassionate treatment they received from our firefighters on a recent call.**



**Captain Russ Thibeault stated that this will be my last meeting as a member of the Lime Rock Fire Department. I will be retiring on 4/12/2016.**

**Chief Sylvester thanked Captain Thibeault for his years of service to the Department and wished him well.**

**Mr. Joseph Nadro thanked Captain Thibeault for his service to the recent call he responded to at a family member's home.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Mr. Joseph Nadro made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. John Houghton seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement. The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Mr. Ronald Rivet Chairman Cheryl A. Cronan**

**Recording Secretaries**